GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Increase of Seats
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has received proposals from various States/ Medical colleges to upgrade, open new colleges and for increase of seats in view of the shortage of doctors in the country;

(b) if so, the details and present status of the proposals thereof, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh; and

(c) the details of criteria fixed for the purpose and the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) to (c): A statement indicating the number of proposals received for opening of new Medical Colleges and increase of seats in the existing Medical Colleges for the year 2017-18, States/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh is annexed.

As per the provisions of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, the Ministry receives applications for starting new Medical Colleges/Increase of seats in existing Medical Colleges and forwards them to the Medical Council of India (MCI) for making recommendations. The MCI after making necessary scrutiny/assessment of the Colleges makes recommendations to the Central Government. Permissions for starting of a Medical College/increase of seats are granted only to such applicants/Medical Colleges which meet the required standards prescribed under MCI Regulations.

In case MCI sends recommendation for disapproval, the Ministry grants an opportunity to the applicant colleges before taking a decision. The last date for sending recommendations by MCI is 30.04.17 and for issuing permission by the Central Government is 31.05.17 for the academic year 2017-18.

Further, this Ministry administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, 'Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals' with fund sharing between the Central Government and States in the ratio of 90:10 for NE/special category states and 60:40 for other States. The total cost of establishment of one Medical College under the scheme is Rs.189 crore. 58 districts in 20 States/UTs have been identified under this Scheme. The concerned State Governments have been requested to submit Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) in this regard. Out of the proposals received, 53 have been approved till date, including two in Chhattisgarh. So far, funds to the tune of Rs.1953.42 crore have been released to the State Governments for the approved districts under the Scheme.

The Ministry also administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for "Upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government medical colleges to increase MBBS seats in the country".Under this Scheme, the funding pattern is in the ratio of 90:10 by Central and State Governments respectively for North Eastern States & Special category States and 60:40 for other States with the upper ceiling cost pegged at Rs. 1.20 crore per seat. 22 Medical Colleges in 8 States have been approved under the scheme to increase UG seats. Funds to the tune of Rs.205 crore have been released to the State Governments till date under this Scheme.